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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that this declaration is of the following type: ORIGINAL.

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below next to our names, we believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Method and System and Article of Manufacture for an N-Tier Software Component Architecture Application**, the specification of which was filed on **December 22, 2000**, as serial number **09/746,157**.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of the United States provisional application number **60/173,914**, filed on **December 29, 1999**.

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As the named inventors, we hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

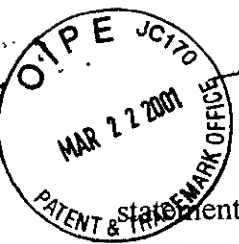
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